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## **A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **A5.1 Construction Charges (Cont'd)**

#### **A5.1.4 Construction on Private Property (Cont'd)**

##### **A. Pole Line Construction (Cont'd)**

4. Where poles are provided inside the base rate area under the provisions described in A5.1.4.A.1. or A5.1.4.A.2. preceding, the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits. In case poles are provided on private property outside the base rate area, the necessary circuits will be furnished and maintained by the Company; however, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a part of the construction cost of the circuits where the revenue is not expected to be sufficient to insure, within a reasonable time, an adequate return on the necessary investment. Where poles or other supporting structure are provided under A5.1.4.A.3. preceding the Company will furnish and maintain the necessary circuits.

##### **B. Buried Construction**

Where buried construction is furnished instead of pole line construction, at the expressed desire of the applicant, the principles applicable in A5.1.4.A. above are followed and an allowance of 300 feet of buried construction will be made in lieu of the specified pole allowance.

#### **A5.1.5 Minimum Revenue Guarantee and Extended Service Period**

When a substantial number of central office lines are involved in providing local or foreign exchange service, the subscriber may, based upon the circumstances in each case, be required to guarantee a minimum monthly amount of revenue for a period of up to a maximum of ten years with termination charges applicable in case of cancellation prior to the expiration of the service period.

#### **A5.1.6 Underground Service Entrances**

- A. Underground service entrances may be provided at the subscriber's request as special construction in connection with either existing or new services, in lieu of the usual aerial drop wire.
- B. Where the following conditions exist, buried service entrance facilities will be furnished without construction charge:
  1. The location of the service is in an area where buried distribution facilities are used by the Company, and
  2. Buried service wire or buried cable would normally be provided by the Company for service entrance.
- C. Where the conditions in A5.1.6.B. preceding do not exist, buried service entrance will be provided at the applicant's request and he shall be required to pay the additional cost incurred by the Company as set forth in A5.1.7. following, or buried service entrance will be furnished without construction charge where the applicant provides conduit or opens and backfills a trench to specifications of the Company.

#### **A5.1.7 Special Types of Construction**

When a special type of construction other than those covered preceding is desired by a subscriber or where the individual requirements of a particular situation make the construction unusually expensive, the subscriber is required to bear the excess cost of such construction. Any special maintenance expense that may from time to time occur will be borne by the subscriber except that maintenance of buried service wire, including associated trenching where required, will be at the expense of the Company.

#### **A5.1.8 Rearrangement of Existing Plant**

- A. When the Company is requested to move or change existing plant, and no specific charge is quoted in this *Guidebook*, the person at whose request such move or change is made may be required to bear the costs incurred. (T)
- B. Where by statute, ordinance or other legal requirement, existing aerial facilities are required to be relocated underground, the Company will charge the net cost attributable to such relocation to the local exchange subscribers located within the political subdivision or area affected by such statute, ordinance or other legal requirement. (M)

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### A5.1 Construction Charges (Cont'd)

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#### A5.1.9 Construction Required for Temporary Service

When construction is required for temporary service and there is no immediate prospect of reusing the plant provided, the subscriber may be required to bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction.

#### A5.1.10 Engineering Work Preparation Fee

(N)

A one-time Engineering Work Preparation Fee of \$500 will apply for the preparation of a quotation for custom work which may require construction charges. This fee is applicable prior to preparation of an estimate for custom work requiring construction charges and will be applied regardless of whether or not the work is ultimately performed for the customer. The Engineering Work Preparation Fee is nonrefundable; however, should the customer proceed with the custom work the fee will be applied against the special construction charges. If work is determined not to be a custom work order after the field visit by the engineer, the fee will be refunded to the customer.

(N)

The Engineering Work Preparation Fee provides for the development and preparation of a detailed estimate of cost including any appropriate engineering costs incurred in the preparation of this quotation. The customer will be advised of this charge and must agree to pay it before development of the quotation will commence. Preparation of the quotation will begin after the Engineering Work Preparation Fee is received by the Company.

(N)

Payment of the Engineering Work Preparation Fee does not assign, confer, or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or equipment, designed or furnished by the Company. Title and ownership rights for any item developed at the customer's request remains with the Company except as specifically provided by an agreement between all parties.

(N)

The Company has the right to apply more applicable engineering preparation fees for any large, complex and/or unique projects that will require excessive engineering hours to develop a detailed cost quote.

(N)

### A5.2 Rural Line Service Construction

#### A5.2.1 Rural Line Service

- A. Rural line service is a class of individual line service furnished outside the base rate area in rural communities by means of lines and equipment owned and maintained by the Company.
- B. Extensions to existing facilities required for furnishing rural line service will be constructed along public highways and/or private property by the Company under the following conditions with the type of construction, i.e., aerial or buried, to be determined by the Company:
  1. An allowance of 2/4 miles air line measurement per applicant will be made for such extensions without the application of construction charges except in those cases where unusual conditions are encountered which in the judgment of the Company would justify a greater or lesser allowance and except as provided in A5.2.1.B.3. following.
  2. For the construction in excess of the preceding mentioned allowance a construction charge based on the estimated in-plant cost of the construction required will apply.
  3. If the application of the free allowance and construction charge as outlined in A5.2.1.B.1. and A5.2.1.B.2. preceding will not result in the Company receiving an adequate return on the necessary investment, within a reasonable time, a construction charge of an amount which will insure an adequate return on the necessary investment will apply.
  4. The rural line applicants will secure and provide, without cost to the Company, the necessary right-of-way required for new facility extensions. These applicants may, also, be required to clear such right-of-way.
  5. Ownership and maintenance of the constructed facilities will be vested in the Company.
  6. In case an urban class of service is furnished on a rural line project, construction charges will be applicable on the same basis as outlined preceding for rural line service.
- C. Construction on existing pole lines, including the necessary circuits, for furnishing rural line service will be provided at no construction charge to the applicants except when the revenue is not expected to be sufficient to insure, within a reasonable time, an adequate return on the necessary investment. In those cases where an adequate return on the necessary investment is not expected, the applicants to be served may be required to pay a part of the estimated cost of such construction.
- D. Mileage charges apply in connection with Rural Line service beyond two miles, air line measurement, of the base rate area. (See "Mileage Charges").

## B5. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES

### B5.1 General

- A.** Special charges in the form of installation or nonrecurring charges, monthly charges, or both are applied in addition to all rates and charges quoted in the other sections of this Guidebook when, because of the sporadic or occasional nature of the service or an unusual investment or expense, the revenue does not reasonably compensate the Company - as for example:
1. The facilities are provided in remote or undeveloped sections outside the base rate area.
  2. Conditions require the provision of special equipment or unusual methods of plant construction, installation or maintenance.
  3. The customer's location requires the use of costly private right-of-way.
- B.** Title to all construction provided wholly or partly at a customer's expense is vested in the Company, except as specified in B5.2.A. and B5.3.A following.
- C.** For special equipment and arrangements furnished in connection with private line service, charges equivalent to the estimated cost of furnishing such equipment or arrangements apply. Estimated cost consists of an estimate of the following items to the extent that they are applicable:
1. Cost of maintenance.
  2. Cost of operation.
  3. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.
  4. Administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average charges for these items.
  5. Any other specific items of expense associated with the particular situation.
  6. A reasonable amount, computed on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, for return and contingencies.

Estimated cost installed as mentioned in B5.1.C.3 and 6. preceding includes the cost of equipment and material specifically provided or used plus the estimated cost of installation, including engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and any other items which are chargeable to the capital accounts of the Company.

- D.** When attachments are made to poles of other companies, in lieu of providing construction for which the customer would be charged under the provisions hereof, the costs to the Company for such attachments are borne by the customer.
- E.** The customer is required to pay construction charges as made by another company providing facilities connecting with the facilities of the Company.
- F.** Engineering Work Preparation Fee (N)

A one-time Engineering Work Preparation Fee of \$500 will apply for the preparation of a quotation for custom work which may require construction charges. This fee is applicable prior to preparation of an estimate for custom work requiring construction charges and will be applied regardless of whether or not the work is ultimately performed for the customer. The Engineering Work Preparation Fee is nonrefundable; however, should the customer proceed with the custom work the fee will be applied against the special construction charges. If work is determined not to be a custom work order after the field visit by the engineer, the fee will be refunded to the customer. (N)

The Engineering Work Preparation Fee provides for the development and preparation of a detailed estimate of cost including any appropriate engineering costs incurred in the preparation of this quotation. The customer will be advised of this charge and must agree to pay it before development of the quotation will commence. Preparation of the quotation will begin after the Engineering Work Preparation Fee is received by the Company. (N)

Payment of the Engineering Work Preparation Fee does not assign, confer, or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or equipment, designed or furnished by the Company. Title and ownership rights for any item developed at the customer's request remains with the Company except as specifically provided by an agreement between all parties. (N)

The Company has the right to apply more applicable engineering preparation fees for any large, complex and/or unique projects that will require excessive engineering hours to develop a detailed cost quote. (N)

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## **B5. CONSTRUCTION CHARGES**

### **B5.2 Special Type of Construction**

- A. When underground service connections are desired by customers as initial installations in places where aerial drop wires would ordinarily be used to reach the customer's premises, or when aerial facilities are used to provide service or channels to a customer and subsequently the customer desires that such facilities be placed underground, the following regulations apply. (M)
  - 1. Where cable is placed in conduit, the underground conduit shall be constructed and maintained by or at the expense of the customer and in addition the customer shall pay the cost of the underground cable, including the cost of installing it, less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial facilities as would be (or are) required to furnish the same service. The underground conduit shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the Company. Ownership of such conduit is vested in the customer and necessary replacements shall be made by him. (M)
  - 2. The duct or ducts required in the underground conduit by the Company to furnish service shall be reserved for its exclusive use.
  - 3. Where armored cable is laid in a trench, the trench shall be constructed and backfilled by or at the expense of the customer. In addition, the customer shall pay the cost of the cable, including the cost of installing it, less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial drop as would be (or is) required to furnish the same service.
  - 4. Cable placed in conduit provided by a customer will be maintained and replaced at the expense of the Company where the conduit has been inspected in place by the Company and approved, but repairs or replacements of cable in conduit not so inspected and approved, or repairs or replacements of cable in conduit or trench made necessary by damages caused by the customer or his representatives will be made only at the customer's expense.
- B. Where facilities are changed from aerial to underground, in addition to the preceding the customer is charged the cost of dismantling and removing the aerial facilities.

### **B5.3 Poles on Private Property**

- A. Poles to be used in serving only a particular customer and located on his premises shall in all cases be furnished and maintained by him or at his expense and shall conform to the Company's specifications. Ownership of such poles on private property is vested in the customer and necessary pole replacements shall be made by him.
- B. Poles on private property to be used to serve more than one customer or to be used as a part of the standard distributing plant serving customers in general are furnished, maintained and owned by the Company, subject to such construction charge as may be applicable.
- C. Circuits on poles on private property are furnished, owned and maintained by the Company.

### **B5.4 Circuitous Routing or Special Types of Construction**

When circuitous routing or special type of construction is provided at the customer's request, in cases where facilities would ordinarily be provided without construction charge to the customer, the excess cost of special construction is borne by the customer.

### **B5.5 Payment of Construction Charges**

Construction charges are payable at the time application for service is signed or when the account is rendered, at the option of the Company.

### **B5.6 Reserved for Future Use**

### **B5.7 Contract Service Arrangements**

#### **B5.7.1 General**

- A. When economically practicable, customer specific contract service arrangements may be furnished in lieu of existing Guidebook offerings provided there is reasonable potential for uneconomic bypass of the Company's services. Uneconomic bypass occurs when an alternative service arrangement is utilized, in lieu of Company services, at prices below the Company's rates but above the Company's incremental costs.
- B. Rates, Charges, Terms and additional regulations, if applicable, for the contract service arrangements will be developed on an individual case basis, and will include all relevant costs, plus an appropriate level of contribution.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for contract service arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and rates specified in other sections of this Guidebook.

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